# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
# LOK SABHA

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CHILDREN AT COTTONSEED FARMS
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item to the effect that 1,00,000 children have been working for over thirteen hours a day at cottonseed farms in Andhra Pradesh as reported in the Times of India dated December 04,2005;

(b) if so, whether the Government has examined the report of India Committee of the Netherlands in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the report of India Committee of the Netherelands. This report is on the study of the link between prices paid to farmers and the use of child labour in cottonseed production in Andhra Pradesh.

(d): All the 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh are covered under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, which provides effective rehabilitation to children who are child labourers. These include the children engaged in cottonseed farms.